

## Foundation Stone Laid of First Catholic Welfare Centre

On Friday 23rd May the foundation stone of the Bishop Valtorta Catholic Welfare Centre was blessed and set in position by Very Reverend Father A. Riganti, Vicar General of Hong Kong.

A representative group of priests and religious of the Diocese were present together with Government Social Welfare officials, and Catholic and other benefactors of the Housing project.

The Maryknoll Sisters will staff the new Centre.

Monsignor Martin T. Gilligan, Secretary of the Apostolic Internunciature, in a brief address expressed on behalf of the Mary-

our duty to practise the love of our neighbour in the spirit of the good samaritan," he said.

In concluding, Monsignor Gilligan called attention to the example left behind by the late Bishop Valtorta and to the simple tribute paid to him on the cornerstone of the new Catholic Welfare Centre: "To the memory of Bishop Henry Valtorta, Father of the poor, Lover of poverty."

The new Catholic Welfare Centre will be completed in three weeks. Before the cornerstone was cemented in place two copies of the "Sunday Examiner," some Hongkong stamps, documents from the Social Welfare Office, relics from Mother Cabrini and a picture of Mother Mary Joseph, founder of the Maryknoll Sisters, were put into it.

The Centre will have three bedrooms, one reception room



Very Rev. A. Riganti, places the metal casket containing papers and relics in the foundation stone, while Father Paul Duchesne, M.M. assists. Rev. Father Orlando in whose parish the new Welfare Centre is situated looks on.